

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments made herein require no additional search or examination.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the specification made herein.

The title was amended (in a previous Response filed on July 12, 2005) to correspond with the subject matter of the claims as currently pending (now as allowed). However, the title is recited as originally filed on the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on December 28, 2005. Thus, it appears that the changes to the title were never actually entered into the file. Accordingly, this amendment to the title is re-submitted herewith to ensure that the patent is printed under the amended title.

The paragraph at page 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error (luymph to lymph).

The allowed claims are claims 1 and 39-46; re-numbered as claims 1-9 respectively.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims made herein.

Claim 2 (originally claim 39) has been amended to clearly indicate that the biopolymer marker peptide of SEQ ID NO:2 has a molecular weight of about 1212 daltons. See page 46, lines 4-10 of the instant specification as originally filed.

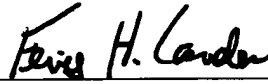
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Claim 7 (originally claim 44) has been amended to remove the term "isolated".

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of the instant amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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